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GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2016

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FROM THE PASTOR

Stories matter. We gather around God's stories every Sunday, we use stories to remember, to connect, to learn. We will be sharing many stories across the days and weeks to come—here's one to begin:

It was only when I began seminary that I heard very much about the Holy Spirit—up until then, most of the stories I learned and sermons I heard were about Jesus. In seminary, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit became part of my faith story.

I spent many, many hours in the seminary library, studying, researching, and writing. During finals week my second year, I drove to the library after supper for some exam prep. Several hours later, my brain was full and I got ready to go home. Walking through the library toward the exit, I noticed a fellow student—one I knew slightly, but hadn't really shared more than a few words in passing conversation. Something nudged me in that moment, so I stopped and chatted with her for a short while. Then I walked out...to discover that another vehicle had charged through a stop sign and had pretty much pulverized my parked car...the parked car I would have been sitting in at that moment had I not been delayed by that conversation.

I believe with all my heart that the nudge to stop and chat was the work of the Holy Spirit. My trust and confidence in the Holy Spirit has continued to grow, sustaining, supporting, and guiding me in my faith journey.

May the fullness of God's love and mercy, Father, Son AND Holy Spirit be yours, now and forever.

With joy, Pastor Suellen

PRESCHOOL BEGINS

A new preschool year is upon us. In only a few weeks we welcome children and their families to our community. We continue to keep our program on track with a multi-age classroom for 3 and 4 year-olds. Our "PreK Monday" is also available for the 4 year-olds.

We are so happy to have Tammy Gover back teaching. Her assistant will be Mary Baxter. The two of them will share the lunch bunch responsibilities. Laurel Strobel will be back in the Music and Movement room and will continue to bless our children with her musical gifts. We are grateful for a consistent staff at the preschool and ask you to keep Tammy Gover, Mary Baxter, and Laurel Strobel in prayer as we begin our new school year. This year will be one of change as we try to stay relevant in the preschool community.

The annual **Trike a Thon** is set for Wednesday, September 28. We will sell pizza slices again this year to raise money for the scholarship fund. We will need help serving food, registering participants, counting laps, and passing out ice cream treats. Whether you are available to help or not, I encourage you to join us this evening. It is a delight to watch our preschoolers doing laps around the parking lot on their tricycles!

Please see or call Katie, 503-256-1835, if you can help with this event. Thank you.

As of this writing our class is nearly full. If you know a family with a child 3 or 4 years of age (by September 1), potty trained, and looking for an excellent preschool program, please tell them

about us. They may call Katie at 503-256-1835 for more information and to schedule a visit. Please pray for more children to come our way so we can fill our classroom.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Katie Strobel, Preschool Director

NOTES

- ◆ **Like Us on FACEBOOK.**
- ◆ **Gethsemane Work Group at SnowCap:** A GLC group meets at SnowCap Community Charities, 17805 SE Stark St., to work on projects from **6 to 8 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month.** Contact Diane Liefeld to help.
- ◆ **A Memorial Service for Joyce Woods** will be September 24 at 3 p.m.
- ◆ **School Supplies Are On Sale Now.** Please stop at Office Depot or other stores to take advantage of their big sales, such as the 1 cent and 25 cent sales. You can buy a lot for less than \$5 to donate to our school supply drive. Dick/Diane Bemrose
- ◆ **You Are Invited to the Annual Lunch for Lutheran Community Services** on October 9, a great opportunity to hear about all the programs of LCS. Lunch is free, but donations are accepted. If you're interested, please talk to Roseann Libonati, 503.254.6916.
- ◆ **Sunday School Rally Day** is Sunday, September 11, which includes lunch and a chance to get to know Pr. Suellen. More details will follow in the September newsletter, but plan to come.
- ◆ **Choir Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 8 at 7 p.m.** If you love to sing come join this fun and crazy bunch of music makers!

ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Nearly 800 million people – that's 1 in 9 people in our world today – are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. Working with and through our congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Hunger Facts

- ◆ 795 million people around the world – that's 1 in 10 – can't access the food they need to live active, healthy lives.
- ◆ 1 billion people live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.25 per day. That's 14.5% of the world's population.
- ◆ At some point in 2014, more than 48 million people in the United States were unsure where their next meal might come from.
- ◆ 46.7 million Americans were living in poverty in 2014. For a family of four, this means their annual household income was below \$23,850.

Gethsemane Lutheran Church Income and Expense Budget Report through July 2016			
Budgeted Expenses	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Actual Difference
\$214,615	\$179,935	\$188,674	\$8,739
Cathey Myers, Financial Manager		Attendance 2015: 143	2016: 96

September Birthdays

2 Ginger Heater
4 Ron Stafford
5 Brody Nastasia
6 Ginny Barton
7 Jim Stafford

9 Darlene Lewis
Cathey Myers

12 Tom Lewis
14 Karen Reagan
Eric Qualheim
Bailey Williamson
17 Joann Weaver
18 Jenece Butenschoen
19 Vanessa Lindstrom
21 Mary Curtis
23 Hal Hingst
27 Betty Hahn

Virginia McCormick
Jacob Hills
29 Galven Irby
30 Nicole Poole

September Anniversaries

4 Ken/Marilee Hansen
(63rd)

*Unless otherwise requested, people named in the prayers will stay on the Urgent list for 30 days. **Prayer Concerns—Ongoing:** Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers: Roseann Libonati's relative, Dawn; Darlene Kuehmichel; Virginia McCormick's relatives Ivan and Marlene; Lori Howell Bond; Ida Olson; Dorothy Shouse's daughter Robin; Jo Nelson's sister Alice; Ginny Barton's friends Jean and Golda; Marian Aleckson; Dick Burgess; Dwain Estes; Linda Babcock's grandson Josiah; Aiden Lindstrom; Galven Irby; Roseann Foster-Mikhail's mother Rose; Jennifer Peck; Lucille Langseth; Sharon Lee's niece Terri and friend Brenna; Dorothy Shouse; JoAnn Larson's mother Mel; Virginia and Roland Haacke; Kay Qualheim's niece Sherry; Penny Thoreen's daughter, April; Liz Blohm's sister-in-law Pearl; Wynn Stafford.*

Urgent: *Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:* Rachel Coughlin's friends Carrie, Cathy, Edith, Angela, and Dawn; Kay Qualheim's niece Sue and her husband John; Brandee Leibrand's uncle Ray; Karen Arendt's son's mother-in-law Judy; Doug Glenn; Bill Herbert's friend Phil; Linda Babcock; Becky Keiper's sister Barbara; Ginny Barton's friend Margie; Patty Olson; Nettie Ubrick's brother Buster; Cameron Herbert's friend Beverly Mitchell; Burke Strobel, Jo Nelson's niece Nancy; Don and Shar Giard's friends Heather, Renae, and Betty.

Homebound Brothers and Sisters: Lucille Langseth, Marian Aleckson, Dick Burgess, Dorothy Shouse, Ida Olson, and Wynn Stafford. *(Refer to your directory or call the church for contact info.)*

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we don't already have it.*

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See the website (glcportland.org) for updates on the calendar.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9a-Quilting 6p-Handbells	2 <i>Office Closed</i>	3
4 8 & 10:30a- Worship <i>(We welcome Pr. Suellen)</i>	5 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	6 9-11:30a.m. Preschool Begins 8a-MensBkft 10a-BibleStudy 6:30p-CYFMtg. 7p-SwgBand	7 2p-PastoralCare 5:30p-Clutterers 6p- Work@SnowCap	8 9a-MutualMin. 9a-Quilting 12:30p- Orchestra 6p-Handbells 7p-Choir	9 <i>Office Closed</i>	10 11-1:30 Parks&RecMtg.
11 8 & 10:30a- Worship Rally Day- Lunch after church	12 7p-Band 6:30p- FinanceMtg.	13 8a-MensBkft 10a-Preschool Bd. Meeting 10a-BibleStudy 7p-SwgBand	14 5:30p-Clutterers	15 10a-Women's BibleStudy 12:30p- Orchestra 6p-Handbells 7p-Choir	16 <i>Office Closed</i>	17
18 8 & 10:30a- Worship	19 7p-Band	20 8a-MensBkft 10a-BibleStudy 7p-SwgBand	21 5:30p-Clutterers	22 9a-Quilting 12:30p- Orchestra 6p-Handbells 7p-Choir	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24 <i>3p-Joyce Woods</i> <i>Memorial</i>
25 8 & 10:30a- Worship <i>Healing Services</i> DAYBREAK HERE THIS WEEK	26 6p-MillPark Neighborhood Meeting 7p-Band	27 8a-MensBkft 10a-BibleStudy 7p-SwgBand 9:45a-Headstart Begins (Mon-Fri, 9:45 to 1:45)	28 5:30p-Clutterers 6p-Trike-a-thon	29 9a-Quilting 12:30p- Orchestra 6p-Handbells 7p-Choir	30 <i>Office Closed</i>	<i>October 1</i>
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